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SUBJECT: "PLOT" AGAINST HAMDI

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1. IN OCTOBER ISSUE LOCAL SANA MAGAZINE AL-JAYAH, HAMDI STATED FOR INTERVIEWER THAT SINAN ABU LUHUM AND YAHYA MUTAWAKKIL HAD NOT RPT NOT TAKEN PART IN ANY COUP PLANNING, AS SOME NEWSPAPERS HAD REPORTED EARLIER HAMDI AS SAYING. HAMDI CLAIMED IN ARTICLE IN AL-JAYHA THAT NEWS REPORT WHICH PRINTED THIS "LIE" ABOUT TWO MEN WERE "HIRED" AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TWO MEN WERE "GREAT NATIONALISTS" WHO HAD SPENT THEIR LIVES DEFENCING THE REVOLUTION AND THE REPUBLIC.

2. COMMENT: THE STORY WHICH HAMDI HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO STAMP OUT IS PROBABLY, PER REFTELS, A SOVIET CONCOCTION AIMED AT SUGGESTING HAMDI'S PERSONAL VULNERABILITY AND SAUDI INSINCERITY TOWARD YARG. THIS SUFFICIENT REASON FOR HAMDI TO RAISE THE SUBJECT EVEN AT TIMES WHEN SANA IS FILLED WITH RUMORS THAT OUSTED POLITICIANS -- AND SPECIFICALLY ABU LUHUM AND MUTAWAKKIL -- ARE PLOTTING COUP OR ASSASSINATION AGAINST HAMDI. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, THIS IS GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION OF HAMDI'S STYLE, WHICH IS TO TREAT DEPOSED RIVALS NOT RPT NOT TO BITTER DIATRIBES OR VEILED THREATS WHICH DRIVE THEM INTO CORNER OF OPPOSITION, BUT IS INSTEAD TO LAUD THEM AS "GREAT NATIONALISTS."

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